

Pears

Number of Orchards: Commercial fruit growers with pears decreased by 23 percent in 2002 to 163, compared to 211 in 1997. The number of growers with 100 or more trees decreased by 21 percent from 1997 to the 2002 total of 83. The corresponding tree numbers dropped 28 percent from 97,622 in 1997 to 70,219 in 2002.

Acreage in Orchards: Pear acreage in 2002 was 562 acres, a drop of 39 percent from the 1997 acreage of 919 acres. Trees per acre rose from 110 in 1997 to 129 in 2002.

Location of Trees: Fruit Region I made up 64 percent of the 72,439 pear trees. Adams County led all counties in

2002 with 57 percent of total pear trees. Other leading counties are: York, Dauphin, Schuylkill and Berks.

Age of Trees: Of the 72,439 total pear trees, 3 percent were 1 to 3 years old; 3 percent were 4 to 6 years old; 52 percent were 7 to 21 years old; and 42 percent were 22 years or older.

Varieties: Bosc led all varieties accounting for 43 percent of total pear trees in 2002. Other leading varieties as a percent of total trees are: Bartlett, 34 percent; Asian, 8 percent; and D'Anjou, 3 percent.

Pennsylvania: Pears (Commercial) - Comparison of Orchards, Tree Numbers and Acres by Region, 1992, 1997 and 2002 ^{1 2}

Trees	Number of Orchards			Number of Trees			Number of Acres		
	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002
I	51	36	25	80,707	68,222	45,988	705	610	335
II	42	35	27	20,934	13,812	11,319	212	132	99
III, IV & V	42	34	31	15,662	15,588	12,912	139	128	97
Pennsylvania	135	105	83	117,303	97,622	70,219	1,056	870	531

¹ Excludes orchards with less than 100 pear trees. ² Regions III, IV and V combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Pennsylvania: Total Pear Trees, 1978-2002

